

GRANITE STATE LIBRARIES



NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE LIBRARY

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FROM THE DESK OF THE STATE LIBRARIAN.....The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded a \$5,000 Preservation Assistance Grant to the N.H. State Library. The funds will be used to engage a consultant from the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) to survey both the building and collection it houses, with a portion of the funding used to provide preservation training.

According to Michael York, State Librarian, "This grant represents an important first step in establishing a preservation plan to deal with items we have identified as historically and culturally significant. I appreciate the hard work of grant writers Janet Eklund and David Sturges, and preservation committee members Donna Gilbreth, John McCormick, Katie McDonough, Zelda Moore, Eleanor O'Donnell, Mary Russell, and Sarah Wiegard."

Approximately 14% of the library's paper-based holdings were printed before 1900. Older holdings include 7,800 titles printed before 1850, 48 published before 1700, and two pre-1500 books. The N.H. State Library is the oldest of its kind in the nation, with a construction date of 1895. The Conservation Center will assess the collection and offer information in terms of preservation prioritization and techniques.

Another facet of the grant is a provision to train staff in preservation assessment and techniques, thereby allowing for future self-reliance. In addition to onsite workshops for library staff, NEDCC will provide training for preservation committee members regarding preservation fundamentals and technology, collection maintenance, emergency preparedness, and program administration.

The National Endowment for the Humanities is an independent federal agency created in 1965. The Endowment's mission is to enrich American cultural life by promoting knowledge of human history, thought and culture throughout the nation. The Endowment accomplishes that mission by providing grants for high-quality humanities projects in four funding area: preserving and providing access to cultural resources, education, research, and public programs.

-Michael York, State Librarian

ANNUAL NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL

The Annual National Book Festival will take place in Washington, D.C. The festival will feature a Pavilion of States, where each state will have a skirted table for handouts about reading programs in their state. Katie McDonough, of the N.H. State Library is coordinating New Hampshire's participation in the event.

In an effort to put together a colorful display, we would like to exhibit pictures of New Hampshire adults and/or children participating in a reading program.

If you have some pictures of your summer reading program or any other reading program, would you please send the pictures to Katie McDonough or Ann Hoey at the State Library (by van or mail). Please send photos that DO NOT need to be returned! We would appreciate the pictures as soon as possible.

Thank you for your help.

CHILDREN'S BOOK REVIEW

The Children's Book Review allows librarians to preview newly published children's titles. Librarians are invited to look over juvenile non-fiction books, picture books, easy readers, and chapter and young adult books. Most of the books include copies of reviews from professional journals. Librarians can select a title at the review, and the book, along with 1-3 additional titles, will be sent by van after the review. Visitors who review will also receive a bibliography of all the books in the review as well as an attendance prize of a paperback book.

Two reviews are planned for this fall. The first will take place on **Monday, September 30 and Tuesday, October 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the N.H. State Library in Concord and will continue on Wednesday, October 2 and Thursday, October 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Friday, October 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Hopkinton Town Library.** These two locations allow both early birds and those needing later hours the opportunity to attend the review. Directions to the Hopkinton Town Library - From I-89 take Exit 6. Go right off the Exit if you are coming from the south, and go left off the Exit if you are coming from the north. This will take you into Contoocook Village. Take a left at the Sunoco station. Turn left onto Pine Street which is between the fire station and MCT (the telephone company). The library is on the right at 161 Houston Drive. Please park in the auxiliary parking lot to the left of the building and enter the library at the main entrance.

The second Children's Book Review (with titles different from those at the September/October Review) will be located first at the **North Country Office of the N.H. State Library in Lancaster with the following schedule: Tuesday, November 12 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday, November 13 and Thursday, November 14 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Friday, November 15 from 8:00 a.m. to noon.** This review will then move to the **N.H. State Library in Concord** for the week of **November 18-22, where it will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day.**

Please come and enjoy the chance to preview children's books in a relaxed setting. If you have any questions, contact Ann Hoey at 271-2865 or e-mail at ahoey@library.state.nh.us.

NEW BOOKS AT THE STATE LIBRARY

by Ann Hoey, Youth Services Consultant
N.H. State Library

The N.H. State Library has added some new books to its professional collection that may be of interest to youth librarians. Please remember if you would like to borrow any of them, you may request materials through interlibrary loan and they will be sent on the van or by U.S.P.S. If you have questions, you may call the circulation desk at 271-2616.

The following titles are now available -

52 Programs for Preschoolers: The Librarian's Year-Round Planner. Diane Briggs. ALA, 1997.
LIS 027.625 B854

Ready-made storytime with suggestions for songs, crafts, finger plays, books, and publicity tips.

Alternative Worlds in Fantasy Fiction. Peter Hunt and Millicent Lenz. Continuum, 2001.
LIS 028.5 H942

A critical discussion of fantasy literature and the works of Ursula LeGuin, Terry Pratchett, Philip Pullman, and others.

Gotcha Again! More Nonfiction Booktalks to Get Kids Excited about Reading. Kathleen A. Baxter and Marcia Agness Kochel. Libraries Unlimited, 2002. LIS 0288.1 B355a

Over 300 booktalks arranged thematically, including topics such as adventures, the natural world, poetry, travel, inventions, and quirky subjects.

Reading Rules! Motivating Teens to Read. Elizabeth Knowles and Martha Smith. Libraries Unlimited, 2001. LIS 028.5 K735

Strategies for getting teens to read such as literature circles, book clubs, and booktalks.

Scary Stories You Won't be Afraid to Use: Resources and Activities for a K-6 Audience. Pamela Schembri. Linworth, 2001. LIS 017.625 S323

A guide for the selection and use of more than 500 "scary" resources.

Summer Reading Program Fun: 10 Thrilling, Inspiring, Wacky Board Games for Kids. Wayne L. Johnson and Yvette C. Johnson. ALA, 1999. LIS 027.625 J711

Instructions for creating and using 10 board games in conjunction with a summer reading program.

Teaming with Opportunity: Media Programs, Community Constituencies, and Technology. Lesley S. J. Farmer. Libraries Unlimited, 2001. LIS 017.8 F233

A discussion of collaborations that foster library media programs.

SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA STANDARDS

by Jeffrey Kent, Coordinator
School Library Media Services

A committee was formed in October 2001 to review the state credentialing standards for school librarians. The current standards were significantly revised by the committee, which was made up of a cross section of school librarians currently employed in schools. The recommendations were reviewed and accepted, with minor changes, by the Council for Teacher Education and the Professional Standards Board. The revised standards are scheduled to be presented to the State Board of Education on October 16, 2002. The hope is that the new standards will become final by July 1, 2003.

A NIGHT OUT AT SHORTY'S RESTAURANT

Save this date! Tuesday, November 19th - take a night out to support the N.H. Library Association (NHLA)! November 19th is NHLA night at Shorty's Mexican Roadhouse restaurants across the state. Shorty's will donate 15% of the food bill to NHLA for anyone who eats at Shorty's between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., and tells their server they are there in support of NHLA. Anyone can participate, librarians, trustees, friends, or members of the public. This is a great opportunity to talk to people about supporting libraries, to get the staff together for a fun night out, to have a social evening with Co-op members and spouses, or for your Friends group to mobilize its forces.

Look for posters and more details to help publicize this event. Encourage everyone to get out, get together, and get to Shorty's for NHLA. Shorty's restaurants are located in Newington, Nashua, Bedford, Manchester, and West Lebanon. For more information, contact Mike Sullivan at the Weeks Public Library, Greenland at (603) 436-8548, or by e-mail at talestoldtall@yahoo.com.

LARGE PRINT BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR LOAN

Large print books are available for loan to libraries from the Library Services to Persons with Disabilities Section of the N.H. State Library. We have over 5,550 titles in our collection, which include mysteries, romances, bestsellers, westerns, biographies, and much more. Most of our titles (those purchased since 1980) are listed in the NHU-PAC, but please contact us to see if we own a title. We are happy to send our large print books via interlibrary loan to you. We can also make arrangements to loan you a collection of books to supplement your own large print collection. Books are loaned for three months, allowing ample time for you to circulate them to your patrons. Please contact us about our large print book program; we purchase these books to help you serve patrons with special needs. We do not loan large print books directly to patrons, just to libraries. For more information, please call Pam Ober at 1-800-491-4200.

NEW HAMPSHIRE BOOK COLUMN

by Eleanor O'Donnell
N.H. State Library

Bunker, Dusty. *The Two-Time Corpse*. Mystery and Suspense Press. 2002. \$14.95
ISBN 0-595-21621-8

Second book in the author's Number Mysteries set in rural New Hampshire. Samantha, a numerologist, is hired to investigate a murder of a company owner. His body is found next to some tarot cards. Mystery lovers will enjoy renewing acquaintance with Sam and her family, and trying to solve the murder.

Chestney, Linda. *Bicycling New Hampshire Seacoast*. Nicolin Fields. 2002. \$17.95
ISBN 0-9637077-8-7

The first guide to bicycling the 18 miles of New Hampshire's seacoast. The author provides 28 ride locations, maps, descriptions of the routes and surrounding scenery, touring, and safety tips.

Coll, Helen. *Cultivating Life: A Story of Earth and Hearth*. 1st Books Library. 2001. \$19.95
ISBN 0-7596-6906-6

The author was almost 13 years old when her family moved from New Jersey and started dairy farming in New Hampshire. Since then, her life has revolved around the family farm, and the seasons of country living.

Coutu, Nancy. *Souvenirs De Nancy: A Peace Corps Martyr*. Top Shelf Books. 2002. Order from Connie Coutu, 2633 McDaniel Drive, Kissimmee, FL 34758. \$14.95 (\$10.00 for libraries, plus \$3.00 S&H. ISBN 1-59095-009-1

Nancy Coutu from Hudson, N.H., joined the Peace Corps in 1994 and was assigned to Madagascar. She spent a year and half in a small village, where her project was the re-building of the village school. In 1996, Nancy was murdered outside the village. Her mother has edited Nancy's journal along with letters she sent home to family. Her description of adapting to life in Madagascar, learning the language, her relationship with the villagers, make fascinating reading. Her sense of humor shines through.

Duchesne, Helen La Plante. *Echoes From the Mills: An Oral History*. Bear Mountain Cove Press. 2002. \$14.96 ISBN 0-9661940-1-2

Contains over 40 interviews of people who worked at J.P. Stevens Mill in Franklin and Tilton from 1938 to 1970 when the mill closed. Each worker describes his or her job and life at the time they were employed at the mill.

Fahey, J.P. *Mustered: Foot Soldiers of the 12th*. Hampshire House. 2001. \$32.95
ISBN 0-9713313-5-9

This book chronicles the daily life of the foot-soldier of the 12th New Hampshire Regiment in the Civil War from 1862 to 1865. Based on the foot soldiers' personal accounts and the war memoirs written by the author's great-grandfather, Captain R.W. Musgrove, who authored the bill to provide for the Register of Soldiers and Sailors.

Gray, Carol Begley; Michael Ivankovich; John Peters. *The Hand-Painted Photographs of Charles Henry Sawyer, With Value Guide*. Treasure Press. Order from Carol B. Gray, 15 Lisa Drive, Nashua, N.H. 03062, tele. (603) 888-7220. 2002. \$18.95 prepaid.

The author's first price guide to the hand-painted Sawyer photographs was published in 1995. Since that time they have greatly increased in value. This book introduces the reader to Sawyer, and his art, including examples of his work. His studio was in Concord, N.H.

Hall, Donald. *The Painted Bed*. Houghton Mifflin. 2002. \$23.00
ISBN 0-618-18789-8

His 14th collection of poems pursues the themes of love, death, and mourning from the distance of passed time.

Heald, Bruce D. *Boston & Maine in the 19th Century*. Arcadia. 2001. \$18.99
ISBN 0-7385-0546-3

Heald, Bruce D. *Boston & Maine in the 20th Century*. Arcadia. 2001. \$18.99
ISBN 0-7385-0547-1

These pictorial histories of the Boston & Maine Railroad take us along scenic stretches of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine. Includes rare photographs and original documents provided by the Boston and Maine Rail Road Historical Society.

Heald, Bruce D. *Lake Winnepesaukee*. Arcadia Publishing (Making of America series). 2001. \$24.99
ISBN 0-7385-2355-0

The history of the region is documented from its early Native American heritage to the first American settlers. Chapters describe the port towns, the lake and its islands, railroads and steamboats, summer camps, and landmarks and legacies.

Holden, Walter, William Ross, and Elizabeth Slomba. *Stand Firm and Fire Low: The Civil War Writings of Colonel Edward Cross*. University Press of New England. 2002. \$20.00
ISBN 1-58465-280-2

Collection of Colonel Cross's writings from his years commanding the Fifth New Hampshire Volunteers includes his diary, battlefield diagrams, letters, on-the-scene reports, and his epic battlefield poetry.

Hyman, Tom. *Village on a Hill: A History of Dublin, New Hampshire, 1752-2000*. Published for the Dublin Historical Society by Peter E. Randall. Available from the Dublin Historical Society, tele. (603) 563-8545. \$30.00
ISBN 1-931807-07-8

Chronicles the life of the town and its residents, both summer and winter. Includes a chapter on the community of artists; sections on the Yankee magazine and its founder; the Dublin school; the building of summer homes; and genealogies of families who have 30 years association with the town.

Ilya. *Master Key: A Novel*. Xlibris Corporation. 2000. \$17.84
ISBN 0-7388-3126-3

A novel of suspense set in a hospital concerning a key found inside the body of a trauma victim. The doctor's apartment is trashed and other hospital staff are attacked by people searching for the key. The author is a registered critical care nurse in Hanover, N.H.

Kilham, Benjamin, and Ed Gray. *Among the Bears: Raising Orphan Cubs in the Wild*. Henry Holt. 2002. \$26.00 ISBN 0-8050-6919-4

In 1993, Ben Kilham, a naturalist who lives in the woodlands of New Hampshire, began raising a pair of orphaned wild black bears, discovering unknown facets of bear behavior. He offers fascinating insights into the emotional life of bears, introducing the reader to individual bears who are enthralling and memorable characters.

Lawson, Russell. *Passaconaway's Realm: Captain John Evans and the Exploration of Mount Washington*. University Press of New England. 2002. \$22.95
ISBN 1-58465-167-9

This story of Mount Washington's earliest climbs and the men who made them in pursuit of botanical specimens, meteorologic, geographic and geological data focuses on Captain John Evans, the wilderness guide for the men of science during the 1784 Belknap-Cutler expedition.

Mathis, Cleopatra. *What To The The Boatman*. Sheep Meadow Press. 2001. \$16.95
ISBN 1878818910

A narrative collection of poems about mothering a troubled and gifted daughter. Winner of the 2001 Jane Kenyon Award for Outstanding Book of Poetry. The author lives in Hanover, N.H.

Muzeroll, Phyllis Ann, and Jeanette Muzeroll. *Squirrel's Goblet: 56 Tales of Nature's Wonders & Antics*. Xlibris. 2002. ISBN 1401033393 \$31.99 hardcover
ISBN 1401033385 \$21.99 paper

Collection of amusing observations of backyard animals and wildlife antics.

Philbrick, Rodman. *Coffins*. St. Martn's Press. 2002 \$23.95
ISBN 0-312-87273-9

Set in a small town on the Maine Coast prior to the Civil War, this gothic novel focuses on the Coffin family whose members die mysteriously. Philbrick, author of young adult books such as *Freaky the Mighty*, grew up in Rye, N.H.

Picoult, Jodi. *Perfect Match*. Pocket Books. 2002. \$25.00
ISBN 0-7434-1872-7

In this gripping novel, the protagonist is a district attorney whose five-year-old son is sexually molested by a priest. Because she has seen so many criminals slipping through the system, she's determined to take matters into her own hands.

Polidoro, J.P. *Project Samuel: The Quest for The Centennial Nobel Prize*. Longtail Publishing. 2001. \$16.95 ISBN 0-9677619-1-3

Timely novel by a Laconia, N.H. author, about an egotistical millionaire and his scientific medical team attempting to create the first human clone in time to compete for the centennial Nobel prize for medicine. The team plans to clone baseball great, Ted Williams.

Schwarz, Douglas. *Twelve Years of Christmas: Holiday Columns*. Plaidswede Publishing Co., P.O. Box 269, Concord, N.H. 03302-0269. 2001. \$9.95
ISBN 0-9626832-3-X

Collection of holiday columns originally published in the *Concord Monitor* from 1988 through 2000. The author is a resident of Pembroke, N.H.

Simmons, Philip. *Learning to Fall: The Blessings of an Imperfect Life*. Bantam Doubleday. 2001. \$16.95 ISBN 09553802666

Simmons was 35 years old in 1993 when he was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease, and was told he had less than five years left to live. Eight years later, he chronicles his search for peace and his deepening relationship with the mystery of life.

Simic, Charles. *Fly in the Soup*. University of Michigan Press. 2000. \$29.95 ISBN 0-47211-150-7

Memoir of the early years of this award-winning New Hampshire poet.

Thompson, Judith R. *Mind Blindness*. IUniverse. 2002. \$14.95 ISBN 0-595-23671-5

Political thriller by Concord, N.H. author. With the impeachment proceedings of President Clinton underway, Congressman Rick Wentworth, along with his sister, and her abducted daughter, are drawn into exposing a conspiracy involving home-grown terrorist groups, brainwashing, and mind blindness of the followers of those groups.

Tirabassi, Maren C., editor. *Portsmouth Unabridged: New Poems for an Old City*. University Press of New England/Peter E. Randall. 2002. \$15.00 ISBN 1-931807-06-X

Collection of poems and photographs celebrating Portsmouth, New Hampshire's unique literary and artistic vitality with contributions from 91 poets, ranging in age from nine to 100 years.

Turner, Roger L. *Bicycling with Kids in Downeast Maine*. Nicolin Fields. 2002. \$17.95 ISBN 0-9637077-9-5

Designed for families cycling with young children, the rides are 15 miles or less. This guide provides ride information, recommended equipment, directions, maps, interesting things to see along the way. The author lives in Bedford, N.H.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Tucker Free Library, Henniker, is seeking a dynamic, experienced full-time Director. Successful candidate must have a broad knowledge of library operations including budgeting, personnel administration, computer technology and automation systems, collection development, facility management, public relations, and grant applications. Minimum qualifications: MLS with 5 years experience in public library, including an administrative/supervisory position, or any equivalent combination of experience and training. Salary commensurate with education and experience plus generous benefit package. Please send cover letter and résumé to: Trustees, Tucker Free Library, P.O. Box 688, Henniker, N.H. 03243 or fax to (603) 428-7106. Cover letter and résumé should be received by October 11, 2002.

The Abbie Greenleaf Library, Franconia has an opening for a Children's Librarian. Two years library experience preferred. Enthusiastic, creative, with attention to detail. Interest in continuing education. Duties: Provide services for children including weekly Story and Activity Hour. Select and purchase children's books and materials. Responsible for outreach activities with schools and the community. Routine duties at the circulation desk. Ten hours per week plus one Saturday per month. Sal-

ary - \$8.00/hour regular, \$12.00/hour Story Hour. Please send cover letter and résumé by October 10, 2002 to Jane Cloran, Library Director, Abbie Greenleaf Library, P.O. Box 787, Franconia, N.H. 03580 or e-mail to abbiegl@ncia.net.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Sylvia D. Crane, 95, formerly of Hillsboro, died on Wednesday, September 19th at Atria-Woodbrier Assisted Living in Falmouth, MA. She was born in Washington, N.H. and graduated from Colby Academy in New London; Colby College in Waterville, Maine; and the Columbia University School of Library Studies. Crane worked as a librarian in Brooklyn, N.Y.; at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y.; in Racine Wis.; and at the N.H. State Library, Concord. Services were held on October 5th at the East Washington Baptist Church, East Washington.

Dorothy Worcester, 95, died September 2nd at Genesis Elder Care in Keene. Born June 1, 1907 in Peterborough, she was a 1923 graduate of the former Peterborough High School and had attended the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City. Mrs. Worcester had been a resident of Dublin since 1928. She served as librarian at the Dublin Public Library for 67 years, retiring in 1997. She received a citation from Gov. Jeanne Shaheen as New Hampshire's longest serving librarian. Services were held September 9th.

NELA FALL CONFERENCE

by Catherine Redden, Director
Lane Memorial Library, Hampton

Have you seen the program for NELA's Fall Conference in Sturbridge, MA for October 20 - 22? Have you registered yet? Early registration (by October 11th) is cheaper!

Check out the conference at <http://www.nelib.org/events.asp?!D=210&subCat=3>. There's something for everyone. *Sisters in Crime* is presenting a tea party as three well-known New England mystery writers entertain and educate us in the ways of crime. Richard Russo, Pulitzer Prize winner, is our banquet speaker. Chris Bohjalian will be leading a book discussion of his *Buffalo Soldiers*. I received an advance copy at last year's conference and it's a great book! We'll be celebrating 100 years of Peter Rabbit with Betsy Bray. There are programs on mentoring, conflict resolution, library skills instruction, marketing plans for librarians, core values, and those are only a few as I scan my program.

Talk it up in your co-ops. Plan to carpool together. Book your rooms together. If you all can't go, maybe your co-op can send one representative to report back to the co-op.

I look forward to seeing even a bigger New Hampshire representation at NELA this year!

Two New Hampshire librarians have been elected Officers of the New England Library Association (NELA). Deborah Wilcox, Technical Services Librarian at the Southern N.H. University has been elected Junior Director. John Barrett, Director of the Nesmith Library in Windham, has been elected VP/President-Elect.

ANCESTRY PLUS ADDED TO NHewLINK FEATURES

The State Library is pleased to announce it has signed an agreement to provide your library with access to *AncestryPlus* from the Gale Group as part of the NHewLINK project. Now you and your patrons will have available, at the touch of a mouse, an outstanding collection of genealogical and historical documents. This genealogy research product provides instant access to more than 1 billion names, more than 3,000 databases, primary-source document images, and a variety of genealogical research features. It also includes immigration, vital, military, court, church and ethnic records, city directories, genealogical societies, Social Security Death Index, Periodical Source Index, family history library, and much more. Access information has been sent to all public libraries via van or by U.S. mail. Ancestry Plus is not intended for remote access from home. For more information, please contact the Electronic and Government Information Resources Section at the State Library, 1-800-499-1232 ext. 5; (603) 271-2143 or (603) 271-2425.

NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBRARY RANKINGS ON FSCS STATISTICS MEASURES

Measure	New Hampshire	US (50 states + DC)	New Hampshire Ranking
Number of library visits per capita	4.83	4.31	19*
Number of reference questions per capita	0.71	1.10	38**
Number of circulation transactions per capita	7.17	6.44	22
Number of interlibrary loans received per 1000 population	61.81	61.14	15
Number of book & serial volumes per capita	4.50	2.86	8
Number of audio materials per 1000 population	127.15	119.89	23
Number of video materials per 1000 population	115.46	83.21	9
Number of current serial subscriptions per 1000 population	13.07	7.31	7
Number of materials in electronic format per 1000 population	6.20	6.20	14
Total number of paid FTE staff per 25,000 population	14.58	12.23	14
Number of paid FTE librarians per 25,000 population	6.88	4.05	6
Number of paid FTE librarians with ALA-MLS per 25,000 pop	3.23	2.78	11
Number of other paid FTE staff per 25,000 population	7.70	8.18	25
Total income per capita	\$27.13	\$28.96	22
State income per capita	\$0.04	\$3.70	47
Local income per capita	\$24.36	\$22.32	19
Other income per capita	\$2.70	\$2.73	21
Total operating expenditures per capita	\$26.39	\$26.42	20
Total collection expenditures per capita	\$3.98	\$4.02	23
Total staff expenditures per capita	\$17.64	\$16.96	19
Salary & wage expenditures per capita	\$15.09	\$13.84	18

* NH tied with Maine

** NH tied with Iowa, Nevada, and New Mexico

Source: FY2002 data from the Federal State Cooperative System (FSCS) and New Hampshire Public Library Annual Report statistics. Data were collected from 228 of 237 total NH public library outlets. The full report — titled PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN THE UNITED STATES: FISCAL YEAR 2000, published by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES 2002-344) — is available online at this address: <http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2002344>.

NHPLAR Q&A
by Sue Palmatier
State Data Coordinator

Here's your first answer: "NHPLAR" stands for the New Hampshire Public Library Annual Report. It's that questionnaire you receive either at the height of summer or in the dead of winter, depending upon whether your library's fiscal year is July-June or January-December. (For those few of you with other fiscal years, we fit you in where we can collect the most up-to-date statistics.)

Yes, the July-June librarians and trustees should already have filled out and submitted their reports for FY2002 by September 30, but if you haven't, fear not – I'll still accept them. The January-December librarians and trustees have until March 3, 2003, to submit their reports. Seems like a long time, doesn't it? Well, you won't receive your forms until the first of the year, but you should have been collecting data regularly to make filling them out as easy as possible.

Since October is a month used for sampling certain statistics, I decided it was the perfect time to address some questions people have had, and to encourage the collection of certain statistics that seem to be overlooked by many libraries.

Q 1: Why does NHPLAR ask some questions that aren't reported in the federal Public Library Statistics publication?

A: As part of the Federal-State Cooperative System for Public Library Data (FSCS), we are required to collect certain statistics, and changes in the federal questions are voted upon by the State Data Coordinators of the 50 states, DC, and the 5 territories. We're allowed to collect any other statistics we wish, and those we base on questions that the NH State Library Development Services coordinators receive on a regular basis from New Hampshire librarians and trustees. One example is the query on the FY2002 survey about "empowering legislation", which asks whether your municipality has voted to allow the library trustees to accept gifts of money or property, and to keep the funds from income-generating equipment; we've found that a lot of librarians and trustees – especially new ones – don't know whether a vote was ever taken. The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and the Census Bureau don't care; the State Library does.

If it makes you feel better, at least we haven't reached the 100-page questionnaire that one State Library, which shall remain nameless, sends out each year.

Q 2: Why should my library staff – which is either very small or very overworked or both – collect reference statistics? They're unreliable, anyway, since they're often based on faulty memories and best guesstimates.

A: Circulation statistics are probably the least reliable measure of library service, but we all collect them. If they're low, we can inflate them; if we're about to automate the library, the first question we ask is whether the new system will count circulation transactions. Knowing that there are almost as many ways to tally circulation as there are pine trees in New Hampshire, we still tot them up and brag about them to our peers and our politicians.

Why should reference statistics be handled any differently? I'm not recommending that they be inflated, but I am asking – nay, pleading – that they be collected. This is one area where you can sample: count the number of questions your staff is asked for one week in October or April, multiply by 52, and enter the total on the form. Just make tick marks on a pad, if that's easiest. Do it for children and for adults, and you'll be amazed at how much information you provide every day your library is open. It's a feel-good statistic, it's just as meaningful as circulation when you're defending your budget or requesting more staff, and it makes New Hampshire libraries look terrific in the national report.

Q 3: Why can't I just leave blanks when I don't collect certain data or don't have access to figures?

A: This is a common question from libraries in communities where the town office or city hall handles the finances and statistics aren't broken down the way NHPLAR asks for them. It's especially common of payrolls; when the municipality pays the fringe benefits, they're often not reported separately from the salaries, and it looks on the questionnaire as if your staff doesn't get Social Security, insurance, or other perks. The feds don't really care – it's all considered "personnel expenditures" – but they do want to know that fringe benefits exist; the State Library does care, because we're often asked by local libraries about amounts and percentages spent on benefits.

So...please attach a note explaining any anomalies in your reporting. If your town pays fringe benefits and they're not broken out from the salary figures, tell me. If your library doesn't get any town money, tell me. If your trustees had to dip into trust fund principal to cover expenses, tell me; it's true that there's no line on which to report the expenditure of principal, because it's not considered income – just jot down a brief explanation.

Whether you stick on a Post-It™ or write a formal cover letter, please fill me in when your answers don't quite fit our questions; it will save us all a lot of calling and e-mailing later in the year.

And if you don't collect a particular data item at all, please use N/A – not zero – in your answer.

Q 4: Why does NHPLAR ask for the number of subscriptions twice?

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Note that lines 27 and 28 cover all formats, including CD's; line 31 covers only print and microform, specifically excluding electronic and digital subscriptions. Also note that if you keep only the current year of your subscriptions, the answer(s) on line 27 and/or 28 will be zero, but the answer on line 31 will not.

This article has tried to answer some of your most pressing and oft-asked questions. If you need more help, please contact me:

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I'll get back to you as soon as I can; answering your questions and addressing your concerns early will make life a bit easier and more fun for everyone.

FIFTY-FIVE LIBRARIANS VISIT WASHINGTON

On Thursday September 19th fifty-five New Hampshire librarians traveled to Washington, D.C. for a visit and lunch with Congressman Charles Bass. The State Library, along with public, school, and academic libraries were represented. The group arrived at the steps of the Capitol for a photo opportunity with the Congressman, then went on to tour the National Botanical Gardens. Congressman Bass provided lunch at his office and made himself available to speak with individuals.

After lunch, the group headed to the Library of Congress, first touring the Jefferson Building and then going to the Madison Building for a demonstration of the digital library program, presented by Marilyn Parr, Head of the Digital Reference Team. Afterwards there was an opportunity for sightseeing before an evening flight back to Manchester. Many took the time to see more of the Library of Congress while others toured the city.

Theresa Paré, IT Librarian and Supervisor of the Electronic and Government Resources Section at the State Library, called the visit “an excellent opportunity for New Hampshire librarians to visit the Capital and Library of Congress and to realize how they impact the situation here at home”

Dianne Hathaway, Director of the Goffstown Public Library, summed up the trip this way: “Visiting the Library of Congress was like stepping into a cathedral of knowledge. I appreciated meeting the staff and learning about the services they provide in terms of digital resources available to all libraries.”

For Jeanette Lizotte, Bow High School librarian, it was the second visit of this nature. “I feel one of the strongest reasons for going on this trip is the camaraderie gained by getting to meet librarians from other library settings...this trip provides the opportunity to exchange ideas and share with each other, while gaining the benefit of learning new experiences. I was most impressed with the tour of the Library of Congress; each time I visit I discover something remarkable of which I had no prior knowledge.”

This is the third annual trip of its kind, and this year's attendance was the highest ever. “We look forward to continuing this tradition,” said Michael York, State Librarian. “It gives us a chance to meet with our elected officials and see first hand what is going on at the federal level.”

After the group arrived home they were asked to send comments negative and/or positive; some of those comments are below -

"It was a fantastic trip. I agree with the suggestion of visiting the Library of Congress first. This is what I was looking forward to the most and I had a hard time staying awake for the presentation, It would be a lot less tiring to stay overnight and I also wonder if it would be possible to cut down on some of the walking by taking a shuttle bus or something. Thanks for a memorable trip. It was wonderful."

"Thank you for your efforts in pulling together a fabulous "professional development" day. I have been telling my K-4 students about the Library of Congress and showing some oversized postcards - it's great when they gasp over the one of the Reading Rooms!"

"I loved the whole day. Great opportunity to meet and talk with other librarians from around the state. I even signed up for my own Library of Congress Card, just to stand in the reading room - awesome - next time the children's room."

"I agree that the Library of Congress should come before lunch to minimize napping. And, yes, an overnight would be nice, but it might rule out some people. It was nice to see so many school librarians. I know it's harder for them to get out, and two days might not be possible for them. I'm sure some folks have mentioned that a larger room for lunch would be nice. It would give Charlie a chance to come around and visit at each table for a couple of minutes. In spite of being totally exhausted and having to get up early Friday to pack for a camping and square dance weekend, I'm really glad I went."

"I had to work on Friday and Saturday - very low functioning due to exhaustion. I will never go to D.C. for one day again. Have the Library of Congress part before lunch and gardens part after lunch and optional. I wish we could have had an option to fly down but fly back Sunday instead, if we wished."

"I do agree that the Library of Congress should have been in the AM. I also think that the time schedule was so tight because time for security checks was not factored in...walking time was however. But to be honest, as a trustee who authorizes the director's time off and the payment for the trip: I do not understand the purpose of the trip. The only part that was worthwhile for librarians was the 45 minute seminar that many people fell asleep in! But to pay over \$100 for that when we can do that by teleconference. It seems to me the trip was to make Bass feel good about himself and give him campaign fodder: "Annually I host a trip to DC for librarians from all over the state." While I appreciate his staff taking us around and arranging for our tours - the man is not my congressman and he didn't really have lunch with us!..."

I do hope the majority of the group had a pleasant trip. Granted it was a very long day, my feet will never forgive me I'm sure. Although we had a lot of new faces in the group this year, there were a few repeat folks. Be sure to talk to your professional and non-professional staff about thinking of joining us next year.



Arriving at the steps of the Capitol Building



Lunch with Rep. Bass at the Cannon Office Building



Two of our library representatives, Janet Angus, Director of the Merrimack Public Library and Pat Heinrich, Chair of the Merrimack Public Library Trustees



Talking with Rep. Bass on the steps of the Capitol Building.



Chatting with Rep. Sununu and Rep. Bass on the steps of the Capitol Building



One of the tours was at the National Botanical Gardens

NEW LIS MATERIALS AT THE STATE LIBRARY

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NEW FACES AROUND THE STATE

The N.H. State Library is pleased to announce new staff at the State Library - **Nancy Cristiano** - Librarian, Special Libraries Section, Best School Resource Center; **Donna DuSell** - Program Assistant, Administration and Fiscal Services Section; **Heather Miller** - Van Driver, North Country Office, Lancaster; and **Kim Williams** - Program Assistant, Department of Cultural Resources.

Public libraries with new Library Directors include - **Kenneth Berry**, Hill Library, Strafford; **Helen Burnham**, Gale Library, Newton; **Joseph Dionne**, Nashua Public Library; **Frank Fisher**, Effingham Public Library; **Debbie Gilbert**, Minot-Sleeper Library, Bristol; **Diane Heer**, Sandown Public Library; **Denise Jensen**, Berlin Public Library; and **Gayle Tudisco**, Pelham Public Library.

Congratulations to everyone on your new position.

NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBRARY SELECTED FOR NEH EXHIBIT

Keene Public Library is among 82 public, academic, and medical libraries across the United States chosen as an exhibit site for "Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature." Sponsors are the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Library of Medicine and the American Library Association (ALA). According to ALA, selection for the exhibit tour was "extremely competitive." Gail Zachariah is credited for securing the exhibit grant.

The exhibit examines Mary Shelley's classic novel, *Frankenstein* and its evolution in literature, popular culture and scientific research since its publication in 1818. A major theme of the exhibit is how the *Frankenstein* story has been used as a framework to express society's fears about the consequences of scientific advances such as cloning, which challenge our traditional understanding of what it means to be human.

Libraries selected for the tour will house the exhibit for a six-week period between October 2002 and December 2005. Keene Public Library is slated for receiving the exhibit during 2004.

NEW HAMPSHIRE BOASTS LARGEST JUMP AMONG STATES IN GOVERNMENT WEBSITE SURVEY

In the latest Brown University study on e-government performance, New Hampshire moved from 48th to 14th in the nation. The survey measured state agency web sites based on 24 features that ranged from having privacy, security, and accessibility policies as well as phone and e-mail contact information to not having any user fees. The total score for the New Hampshire state agency web sites checked was 51.1%. Webster, the official state web site, is maintained by the Electronic and Government Information Resources Section of the State Library (www.state.nh.us).

IMLS ANNOUNCES NATIONAL LIBRARY LEADERSHIP GRANTS

Dr. Robert S. Martin, Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, announced library grants on September 24th in four categories.

- *Native American Grants for Libraries: Enhancement Grant Category*
<http://www.imls.gov/whatsnew/current/092402-1.htm>

- *National Leadership Grants for Libraries: Research and Demonstration Category AND Preservation or Digitization Category*
<http://www.imls.gov/whatsnew/current/092402-6.htm>

- *National Leadership Grants for Libraries: Library/Museum Collaboration Category*
<http://www.imls.gov/whatsnew/current/092402-3.htm>

The Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) in Andover, MA has been awarded a \$213,700 Preservation grant. In their three-year project, "Steal This Disaster Plan," the NEDCC, in partnership with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, will create and disseminate an on-line training curriculum for library disaster planning based on a computerized tool for writing disaster plans.

These Preservation or Digitization grants preserve and enhance access to unique library resources useful to the broader community; address the challenges of preserving and archiving digital media; or lead to the development of standards, techniques, or models related to the digitization and management of digital resources. Ninety-one libraries requesting over \$24.7 million competed for the grants. The federal government gave \$7,179,673 in grants to 27 leading university libraries and research institutions across the country for research, model demonstrations, and preservation and digitization of their sources. The libraries will match the amount with an additional \$7,131,502.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The information below was received from 82 libraries who returned their KBA evaluation forms.

<p>Kids, Books, and the Arts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2,568 children and adults attended 35 Kids, Books and the Arts performances• 37 libraries received \$8,822• 8 libraries funding were first-time KBA grant recipients• 12,075 children read 161,386 books

GATES FOUNDATION

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will be sending grant award letters on October 11, 2002 to eligible New Hampshire libraries who submitted grant applications. Included in the award letters will be instructions on the implementation phase of the State Partnership Program which, begins in January 2003. Of the 44 eligible libraries in the state, 62% applied for computers. 14% of the remaining libraries submitted applications for Purchase Option Grants. Instructions for Purchase Option Grant libraries will be sent during December.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

NEW ON THE STATE LIBRARY'S WEBSITE

The latest information about the Great Stone Face Award -
<http://www.state.nh.us/nhsl/ldss/RGyouthservices.html>

*Public performance information on showing videotapes in
your library -*
<http://www.state.nh.us/nhsl/ladd/RGvideosppr.html>

Directory of New Hampshire Libraries, 2002 -
<http://pierce.state.nh.us/libdir/>

Fall 2002 Education Courses offered by the State -
<http://www.state.nh.us/nhsl/libed/modules.html>

*N.H. Public Library Annual Report (NHPLAR) - Fiscal Year
2002 -* <http://www.state.nh.us/nhsl/ldss/state.html>

From the **CONWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY** - Renovation and expansion of the Conway Public Library will begin in the spring of 2003 with completion expected by November 2003. The project was approved by the voters in 2001 but was delayed by a lawsuit filed by residents of Amherst, Exeter, Lee, Weare, and Winchester which challenged the constitutionality of the provisions that in SB2 towns three-fifths of the voters were required to approve bond articles compared to a two-thirds requirement in towns with traditional town meetings. The courts repeatedly upheld the three-fifths exception for SB2 town with several appeals.

The project, which include an 8,000 sq. ft. two story addition will double the size of the present 1901 building. Tom Wallace, of Tenant/Wallace Architects AIA PA, has been working with library trustees on this project since 1991. The addition has been designed to maintain the library's historical architectural design. Cost, not including furnishings, is estimated at \$1.57 million.

Trustees, building committee, fund raising committee, staff, and friends are ecstatic and anxious to finally move on the construction phase of this long awaited project. - Margaret Marschner, Director

From the **HAMPSTEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY** - Following a disappointing vote at the March 2002 Town Meeting, the Friends of the Hampstead Public Library chose to step in to try to raise a substantial portion of the additional money needed to finish the vast, echoing void that is now the second floor of the Hampstead Public Library building. On May 7th the first meeting of the Friends Fund Raising Committee came together at the library to brainstorm ways and means for making a lot of money before the warrant for the next Town Meeting will be finalized early in 2003.

Many suggestions were floated to the group for consideration before a second meeting at which some firm choices were made. What finally emerged was a three-pronged approach. One part consisted of a variety of ongoing projects. Another aspect focused on a few major events. The third side was a capital campaign.

For part one, coin jars were placed at the library and a local branch bank. The Friends sponsored tables at every possible town event where they sold book bags, note cards, and other items and also promoted the library and the Friends organization. A number of raffles were held with all the proceeds going to the fund raising effort. Individuals also contributed not just money but their talents and interests to the campaign. Portions of the receipts from the sale of Tupperware® and Avon® products were donated. A local author gave a percentage of the receipts from sales of his books about the area at the Friends tables throughout the duration of the project.

The first and most important major event was a Riding for Reading Bike-a-thon proposed by a long time library supporter, Bob Turner. Bob offered to ride from Northport, FL, the home of former Hampstead director Becky Rooney, to Hampstead. The Riding for Reading Subcommittee put out a brochure explaining Bob's mission and soliciting donations and pledges for his ride. Donations were sought from area businesses as well. Members of the Friends and the library staff sported T-shirts promoting Bob's ride and sign boards sprouted up all over the major roadways in town. Bob's travels were covered on the library's web site, on maps posted in the library, and in the local newspapers. This was the single most important event in the fundraising campaign and generated unbelievable enthusiasm and interest among many different segments of the community. A super welcome home party, complete with police escort, met him on his return to town on September 25th.

Other special events included both the Friends' annual auction and their biennial Holiday House Tour. A local collector of vintage ladies hats who is also a loyal member of the Friends hosted an elegant Tea in the town's historic Old Meeting House. The Friends also participated in the annual town wide yard sale for the first time, selling clothing left over from the Thrift Shop and books from the annual library book sale.

The capital campaign offered specially created levels of membership in the Friends of the Hampstead Library and opportunities for donating money to purchase specific items of furniture or equipment for the new space once it is completed. Study areas and the big meeting room may be named for donors. Donors may buy sections of shelving, pieces of furniture such as easy chairs, study carrels, and other relevant items.

As of September 15th, the Friends had raised over \$16,000 towards the completion of the library building. - Judith Crowley, Director

From the **GAFNEY LIBRARY, SANBORNVILLE** - The library is helping to launch an exciting community program called *The Traveling Suitcase*. The Town of Wakefield, in which Sanbornville is a village, will have the chance to have a rich cultural exchange with a village in southern Russia through the library. Jeannie Ferber of Alton, who works with an organization that opens libraries in rural schools in Russia, will present two lively workshops to introduce Wakefield to its sister village of Proharovka, Russia. Wakefield residents will work together to send special items to their sister village...the challenge is to decide what will convey the uniqueness and beauty of New England life and...fit in one small, carry on suitcase. The suitcase will be taken to Russia in October when Jeannie goes to Proharovka to buy the village new library books. The suitcase will return with items from Proharovka especially chosen for the Wakefield community. The items will be kept in the Gafney Library. The two workshops were held September 17th and 24th at the library, and the follow-up workshop, when the suitcase is returned filled with items from Proharovka, is Tuesday evening, November 19th at 7:00 p.m. Currently, proceeds from the book *Six Inches to England: An Anthology of International Children's Stories*, compiled by Jeannie Ferber and Priscilla Harper and edited by Margaret Robinson Millar, published by Andover Green, are donated toward the purchase of books for remote Russian villages to replace communist textbooks that are still being used. It is hoped that the program will continue indefinitely. - Beryl Donovan, Director

From the **PHILIP READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY, PLAINFIELD** - The library had a unique and different entry in Plainfield's Fourth of July parade this past summer.

Six fun-loving volunteers (the librarian, the library aide, one trustee, and three members of the Friends) formed the "Library Bookcart Drill Team". Bookcarts were borrowed from neighboring libraries and the Drill Team practiced in secret. The Drill Team was well received by the crowd with cheers and laughter. The Drill Team was a smash hit!

The Drill Team performed two maneuvers - one moving and one stationary. We did have to get to the end of the parade. Among our moves were "twirlies" with the bookcarts, the "book pass," and the "librarian's shush."

We did have a lot of fun and are already thinking about next year. The Library Bookcart Drill Team has been the hot topic of conversation in town this past summer. The Philip Read Memorial Library is a fun place. - Nancy Norwalk, Librarian

From the **LINCOLN PUBLIC LIBRARY** - An exhibit called *The Great Experiment: George Washington and the American Republic* was presented in Lincoln, N.H. from August 15th to September 26th. The program was opened daily at no cost to the public at the Upper Pemigewasset Historical Museum

A six week patriotic celebration was centered on this traveling exhibit of photographs of manuscripts, rare books, prints, engravings and artifacts from the collections of the Huntington Library and was organized in association with the American Library Association. The program was made possible, in part, through a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, with additional support from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Munger.

The Exhibit traced the development of a victorious military genius who relinquished the glory of power to return to farming, a reluctant statesman who forged the institutions of a popular government that has enduring for two centuries.

The Lincoln, N.H. sponsors, the Lincoln Public Library, the Lincoln Arts Council, North Country Center for the Arts, and the Upper Pemigewasset Historical Society plan to present numerous related events dealing with the American struggle. An encampment and Re-Enactment of British and American forces were held on September 6-8, 2002. Children were invited, at a small cost, to a hands-on course related to the enactment - The Junior Militia. Workshops in basket making and candle dipping; concerts, lectures and portrayals of life in the 1700's were presented by scholars and artists. A six-week program was developed to include educational and fun opportunities for children and adults such as Quill-Pen Writing, a cherry pie eating contest, a patriotic concert, blacksmith demonstrations and more. A tea was hosted by Martha Washington. Mr. Washington walked the streets of Lincoln chatting with the people.

Since Lincoln is the only town in New England to host this exhibit, and one of only 40 in the country, all New England neighbors were invited to this patriotic celebration.

CONCORD PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR RETIRES

After 23 years as Director of the Concord Public Library, Lou Ungarelli left the Concord Public Library on June 19th to take a position as Director of the Nantucket Athenaeum. We wish Lou good luck in his new position.

PORTSMOUTH LIBRARY PLANS ARE PRAISED

by Karen Dandurant

excerpted from *Portsmouth Herald*, September 26, 2002

City residents are excited to see a new city library moving closer to becoming a reality. About 30 residents turned out for a public information meeting Wednesday, September 25th offering praise and a few suggestions

Concerns of the residents were focused more on what their individual ideas were of what a library should be.

Sherm Pridham, Library Director, reviewed the design concept. He said the needs of the library for the next 20 years were factored into the design.

Some residents wondered who would have access to the meeting rooms, "Your tax dollars will build the library so it is completely for resident use," Pridham said.

Promising there will be many more meetings for the public, O'Leary finished the meeting by saying, "This is our library and we want it to be reflective of that."

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